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## DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

References: a. Joint Pub 1-02, 23 March 1994, "Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms"  
b. DOD Directive 5105.19, 25 June 1991, "Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)"

1. Purpose. This instruction provides policy for funding of the Defense Information System Network.
2. Cancellation. MCM-52-91, 3 April 1991, is canceled.
3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff, combatant commands, Military Services, and Defense agencies. Requests for waivers to this instruction will be forwarded by chain of command, including CINC, Service, or Defense agency, to the Joint Staff, stating the reason compliance is not possible. The Joint Staff will coordinate waivers with the appropriate CINCs, Services, and agencies.
4. Policy. The policy for funding of the Defense Information System Network is as follows:
  - a. Government-Owned Circuitry and Transmission Systems. These are funded by the Military Department assigned operating responsibility. Funding responsibility is assigned to a Military Department except for those systems approved by the Communications Information Services Activity (CISA) Resource Management Committee (RMC) for CISA funding.
  - b. Military Department-Dedicated Leased Circuitry. The Military Department is responsible for the requirement and funding.

c. Lead Military Department-Managed Leased Common-User Systems. The CISA RMC will review all funding arrangements and develop milestones to transition all appropriate non-CISA funded systems to the CISA using established expansion procedures. Systems that remain non-CISA will be funded by the appropriate Military Department.

d. Leased Access Circuitry to DISA-Managed Common-User Systems. CISA RMC will review all funding arrangements and develop milestones to transition all appropriate non-CISA funded access circuitry to the CISA. Access circuitry that remains non-CISA will be funded by the appropriate Military Department or agency.

e. DISA-Managed DISN Circuitry. These circuits will be funded via the CISA.

f. Service/Agency-Operated Tandem or Network Switching Centers. These elements (i.e., network side of the DSN, SIPRNET, NIPRNET, DMS Infrastructure Components, or other switching centers, as appropriate) will be funded via the assigned Military Department, reimbursed by the CISA.

g. Government-Owned, DISA-Managed DISN Network Facilities. These facilities will be funded via the CISA.

5. Scope. This instruction outlines the structure to be used for funding and reimbursement of DISN-related expenses.

6. Responsibilities

a. Joint Staff. The Joint Staff provides representation to the CISA RMC.

b. Military Departments and Directors of Defense Agencies

(1) Provide representation to the CISA RMC.

(2) Program and budget for CISA billing charges.

(3) Operate, maintain, and fund assigned portions of the DISN.

(4) Document CISA-reimbursable expenses.

c. The CINCs. The CINCs provide information to identify elements of the DISN within the AOR for CISA funding.

d. Director, DISA

(1) Provide representation to the CISA RMC.

(2) Manage and operate the DBOF CISA.

(3) Provide administrative support for the CISA RMC, to include publishing billing rates.

7. Procedures

a. The CISA charter provides that the subscriber rates will be the basis for recovering the cost of operating and maintaining the DISA-managed DISN elements (switches, interswitch trunks, and access circuitry). The subscriber rates will be consistent with appropriate commercial practices to provide for use of COTS billing mechanisms while still supporting wartime requirements.

b. The CISA RMC is chartered to determine whether any additional DISA systems will transition to the CISA.

c. All CINC, Service, and Defense agency requests for circuitry and transmission systems that can be satisfied by DISN (government-owned, leased, or GSA-provided) will be submitted as requirements to DISA, who will in turn work with the requester to determine the best service to satisfy the requirement in accordance with reference b.

8. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon receipt.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

\Signature\  
WALTER KROSS  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Director, Joint Staff

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## GLOSSARY

### PART I--ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AOR	area of responsibility
AUTODIN	Automatic Digital Network
C3I	command, control, communications, and intelligence
CINC	commander of a unified command
CISA	Communications Information Services Activity
COTS	commercial-off-the-shelf
DBOF	Defense Business Operations Fund
DDN	Defense Data Network
DISA	Defense Information Systems Agency
DISN	Defense Information System Network
DMS	Defense Message System
DSN	Defense Switched Network
GSA	Government Services Administration
NIPRNET	Unclassified but Sensitive Internet Protocol Router Network
RMC	Resource Management Committee
SIPRNET	Secret Internet Protocol Router Network

## PART II--DEFINITIONS

access circuitry. Circuitry that extends from a DOD post, camp, station, or base to a DISN common-user system or gateway.

commercial-off-the-shelf. A term used to describe an item of hardware or software that has been produced by a contractor and is available for general purchase.

common-user system. The portion of the DISN, both switched and dedicated, that provides service to the general DOD community.

Communications Information Services Activity. An activity chartered to procure leased telecommunications and information services from the worldwide commercial telecommunications industry on behalf of its customers. In select instances, the activity procures and manages unique federally owned systems.

Defense Information System Network. An information transfer network with value-added services for supporting national defense C3I decision support requirements and functional business areas. As an information transfer utility, the DISN provides dedicated point-to-point, switched voice and data, imagery, and video teleconferencing communication services.

Defense Message System. All hardware, software, procedures, standards, facilities, and personnel used to exchange messages electronically between organizations and individuals in the Department of Defense. The current baseline of the DMS consists of the AUTODIN (including base-level support systems) and electronic mail on the DDN that has become part of the DISN. The DMS includes tactical users and supports allied systems.